# **FEBRUARY 2011**



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### **ELECTION INFORMATION**

The filing period for Town Offices is open through Friday, January 28, 2011. Open Town positions include:

Selectman: 1 for 3 years
Road Agent: 1 for 1 year
Library Trustee: 1 for 3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 years
Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 years

**Budget Committee Member**: 1 for 1 year 1 for 2 years

1 for 2 years 2 for 3 years

You must be a Fremont resident and a registered voter to declare candidacy for office. You can register to vote with the Town Clerk during regular office hours and also with the Supervisors of the Checklist during posted sessions.

You need to see the Town Clerk during regular office hours to complete the declaration of candidacy form if you are interested in running for elected office for the Town or School District.

The application for request for absentee ballot for the March town/school election is on the town's website on the Town Clerk's page at <a href="https://www.Fremont.nh.gov">www.Fremont.nh.gov</a>.

#### FREMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS

If anyone is interested in becoming a candidate for a position with the Fremont School District the following positions are available:

School District Clerk: 1 for 1 Year School District Moderator: 1 for 1 Year School District Treasurer: 1 for 1 Year School Board Member: 1 for 2 Years School Board Member: 1 for 3 Years

The filing period is open through Friday, January 28, 2011. The last time to file will be from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on Friday, January 28, 2011 with the Town Clerk. Please see the Town Clerk for more information and School District Declaration of Candidacy forms.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend these important sessions:

**Jan 26** – Last day to register to vote with the Town Clerk or Supervisors of the Checklist to be eligible to vote at the School District Deliberative Session. Supervisors to meet at the Library from 7:00 to 7:30 pm.

**Jan 28** – Last day to declare candidacy for Town and School District Offices with the Town Clerk. Last day to register to vote with the Town Clerk for Town Deliberative Session. Office hours are 8:30 am to 12 noon; and 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

**Jan 29** – Last day to register to vote for the Town Deliberative Session with the Supervisors of Checklist. Supervisors meet at the Fremont Public Library from 11:00 to 11:30 am.

**Feb 5** – School District Deliberative Session at 9:00 am at Ellis School

Feb 8 - Town Deliberative Session at 7:00 pm at Ellis School

**Feb 9** – Snow date for Town Deliberative Session at 7:00 pm at Ellis School

**Feb 12** – Snow date for School District Deliberative Session at 9:00 am at Ellis School

Feb 21 - President's Day - All Town Offices CLOSED

**Feb 25** - Last day to register to vote for Town and School Elections with the Town Clerk from 8:30 am to noon.

**Feb 26** – Last day to register to vote for Town and School Elections with the Supervisors of Checklist from 11:00 to 11:30 am at the Library

Feb 28 - Town Reports available for pickup

Mar 8 - Town and School District Elections - Polls open 7:00 am to

8:00 pm at the Safety Complex, 425 Main Street

Mar 11 – Last day for any person for whom a vote was cast to apply to the Town Clerk for a recount. Clerk will be available during regular hours 8:30 am to noon and also from 3:00 to 5:00 pm (for recount purposes only).

Mar 15 – Last day for 10 voters of the Town to petition the Town Clerk to recount ballots on any question printed on the Official Ballot. The Clerk will be available from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

## **TOWN VOTING**

The final form of the Town Meeting Official Ballot will be decided at Deliberative Session on Tuesday evening February 8, 2011 at 7:00 pm. This important interactive session will begin at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend to review and/or amend the items presented for voter consideration in 2011.

In case of inclement weather, the Deliberative Session will be held on Wednesday evening February 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm at Ellis School.

A separate newsletter will be coming out shortly containing the Town Warrant Narrative for consideration at Deliberative Session. Please watch for this important notice. Feel free to contact the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 if you have any questions regarding the items for voter consideration.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTING

Fremont voted to adopt SB2 for the method of voting for the Fremont School District as of March 2011.

Instead of voting for the school budget at the School District Meeting, a Deliberative Session will be held on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the Ellis School Gym at which time all School Warrants including the proposed School Budget will be presented to the voters. During this Deliberative Session, all registered voters are allowed to attend and amend the Warrant Articles with motions made from the floor. This is much like the process that occurred at the Traditional School District Meeting in the past however voting on the final budget does not occur at this session. This is the big difference. After the Deliberative Session the final School Warrants are then placed on the Official Ballot and voters go to the polls on March 8, 2011 to cast their vote.

## Please mark your calendars with the important dates noted.

It is important to note that the Deliberative Session is a very important part of the SB2 process which gives the voters the opportunity to weigh in on what is placed on the Official Ballot. Just as the Traditional School District Meeting allowed voters to speak and amend warrant articles and school budget appropriations, so to does the Deliberative Session. Don't miss out on your chance to participate, learn and understand what will be voted on at the polls on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Fremont School District would like to thank you for your past support. We look forward to your participation and continued support at both the upcoming Deliberative Session and the Election on Tuesday March 8, 2011.